

Mp3 Benj-o-matic - Benj-o-matic



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This special limited edition release includes a bonus exclusive Video CD of 2005 rehearsal footage. Benj-O-Matic (the disc) has recently been described by a total stranger as "a mix of Lenny Kravitz, Ben Folds, early Foreigner, Sammy Hagar and Zeppelin 11 MP3 Songs ROCK: 70's Rock, POP: Beatles-pop

Details: From the time he was fifteen, he knew what he wanted to do. After four years of grade-school band classes, he walked in the music store and traded in his saxophone for an electric guitar and amp. The neighborhood was never quite the same. The year 2001 spawned the birth of Benj-O-Matic, the musical vision project of North Carolina's own Benjy Johnson. The self-released debut CD, simply titled "benj-o-matic", is a tightly woven collection of eleven tunes written, recorded and performed by Benjy. Although he tried to play all the instruments on the record, he got a lot of help from such friends as Ben Folds' guitarist Snuzz and other close musical accomplices. The influences heard on the record are numerous. ESP magazine's Allison King says, "it's rock, but it's been beat-up a bit, rolled around in the dirt and run through some funk PC. Radio would lay down and die for his pop-funk grooves." (ESP magazine Sept. 6th, 2000) With song titles like "Lil' G's magic box" and "Plastic Francis", you know you're in for something different right off the bat. Without looking too hard, the ultimate touring band has fallen into place. Ex-Geezer Lake drummer Scotty Irving makes sure things don't get too redundant to say the least. His solo project, Clang Quartet, has recently been the subject of a independent documentary entitled "Armor of God" showing at film festivals around the globe. Bassist John Harrison whips out the funk and smears it right on your forehead! Featured in the April 2001 issue of Bass Player magazine, John is the most downloaded bassist of mp3.com. He also has released a solo instrumental record entitled "Bassicks" that will floor you. The 2002 year has already been a resounding success. They have wowed the crowds in support slots for such bands as Athaneaum, Vanessa Carlton, Cowboy Mouth and

Evan Olson and will continue until the wheels fall off the van..... -somewhere damp / june 2002

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